## MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH Emergency Preparedness Regional Roles and Contact Information

## **Regional Health Educator**

Regional Coordinator

**Primary Audiences:** Local Boards of Health, Emergency Department Personnel and Infection Control Specialists

**Other Audiences:** Local Public Safety, Emergency Management, the healthcare delivery system and others who have a role in emergency preparedness planning and response

**Mission:** Assess the public health infrastructure relative to education and training needs for emergency preparedness, surveillance, reporting and control of infectious diseases, and response to public health emergencies on a regional and statewide basis. Based on the assessment(s), conceptualize, implement and evaluate education and training initiatives, including curriculum development and train-the-trainer programs, through a variety of formats to suit regional needs.

- Collaborate with MDPH Bureaus within the Center for Emergency Preparedness, and relevant associations and agencies, to coordinate education and training. Develop partnerships with local boards of health professional associations, schools of public health, medicine, and others.
- Collaborate closely with other MDPH regional staff to ensure programmatic coordination and efficiency.
- Work with Center for Emergency Preparedness staff in the development of an administrative umbrella for state and local public health training and the creation of a Local and State Public Health Training Institute.
- Collaborate with local health officials and others to develop and implement regional or statewide drills, simulations, and other events.
- Assist with response to public health emergencies as needed.

Primary Audiences: Local Boards of Health

**Other Audiences:** Local Public Safety, Emergency Management, the healthcare delivery system and others who have a role in emergency preparedness planning and response

**Mission:** Provide consultation and support regionally to local boards of health to strengthen the capacity to respond to public health needs, including assistance with needs assessment, organizational and coalition development, and strategic emergency preparedness efforts.

- Work with local boards of health, hospitals, local public safety, and other local stakeholders to develop public health emergency response plans to supplement local comprehensive emergency management plans.
- Identify and implement MDPH Center for Emergency Preparedness program goals and objectives regionally.
- Integrate MDPH Center for Emergency Preparedness initiatives and strategies with those of local health officials within their respective regions.
- Collaborate closely with MDPH regional staff to ensure programmatic coordination and efficiency.
- Collaborate with local health officials and others to develop and implement regional or statewide drills, simulations, and other events.
- Assist with response to public health emergencies as needed.

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